(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Defence expenditure

783. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
SHRIMATI CHANDRAKALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the percentage of expenditure on defence compared to GDP during 1998-2002, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): The percentage of net expenditure on Defence compared to GDP at market prices during 1998-2000 is as follows:

1998-1999	2.29%
1999-2000	2.44%
2000-2001	2.38%
2001-2002	2.37%

GDP data used in this calculation for the years 1998-2000 has been taken from Economic Survey, 2001-2002 and for 2001-2002, it is based on the estimates of Ministry of Finance.

Proposal to repeal Article 371

†784. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to repeal Article 371 alongwith Article 370 of the Constitution, since Jammu and Kashmir has been granted special status under Article 370 similarly Nagaland has been granted such status under Article 370;

(b) the views of Government with regard to Article 371 since

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

removal of Article 370 has been a political issue for the last five decades; and

(c) the basis on which dialogue is going on for solution of Nagaland problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Peace Talks were held during the month of January, 2003 between the representatives of the Government of India and the NSCN(IM). During the discussions, NSCN(IM) raised among other issues, their demands relating to the distinct identity of the Nagas and their stand on unification of Naga areas. There was an agreement to continue the formal talks until a lasting settlement is reached. Meanwhile, both sides reaffirmed the need for a peaceful, violence-free environment.

It would not be in public interest to disclose further details.

Money spent on police

785. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how much money is spent on the police at the Centre;

(b) what has been the increase, year-wise; and

(c) how much is estimate to be sent in the next five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) A sum of Rs. 5510.95 crores was spent in 1999-2000, Rs. 5880.16 in 2000-01 and Rs. 6669.77 crores in 2001-02 on Central Police Forces. A detailed statement is enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

(c) The estimates are prepared annually based on actual utilisation of fund in previous years and projected requirement of the forces.